AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims:

٨ ١	/1	1.	(Original) A method comprising:
X	2	} \	storing first tuples in a first table in a database system;
1 '	3	<i>)</i> (storing second tuples in a second table in the database system;
	4		partitioning the first and second tuples into plural portions;
•	5		redistributing the first and second tuples to plural nodes according to the
	6	partitioning; a	and
,	7		hash joining the first and second tuples to produce result tuples as the first and
•	8	second tuples	are being redistributed to the plural nodes.
	1	2.	(Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
	2		retrieving the result tuples once the hash join is performed.
	1	3.	(Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
	.2		retrieving the result tuples at random.
	-1	4.	(Original) The method of claim 1, hash joining the first and second tuples to
	2	produce resul	t tuples as the first and second tuples are being redistributed to the plural nodes
	3	further compr	rising:
	4		producing result tuples at one of the plural nodes; and
	5		simultaneously producing result tuples at a second of the plural nodes.
	1	5.	(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein redistributing the first and second
	2	tuples to plura	al nodes comprises redistributing based on split vectors containing predefined
	3	ranges.	
	1	6.	(Original) The method of claim 5, wherein partitioning the first and second tuples
	2	into plural po	rtions comprises:
	3		partitioning first and second tuples into hash tables in each node.

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$\bigwedge_{\geq 1}$	$V\setminus_{7}$	(Original) The method of claim 6, wherein hash joining the first and second tuples
	comprises:	
3	-	allocating a portion of a memory to a first hash table;
4		allocating a second portion of the memory to a second hash table; and
5		hash joining first tuples in the first hash table with second tuples in the second
. 6	hash table.	
1	8.	(Original) The method of claim 7, wherein hash joining the first and second tuples
2	comprises:	
3		determining that the portion of the memory allocated to the first hash table is full;
4		allocating a stable storage to the first hash table; and
5		storing first tuples in the stable storage.
1	9.	(Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
.2		continuing to store second tuples in the second hash table; and
3		hash joining second tuples in the second hash table with first tuples in the first
4	hash table.	
1	10.	(Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2		determining that the second portion of the memory allocated to the second hash
3	table is full;	
4		allocating/a second stable storage to the second hash table;
5		storing second tuples in the second stable storage; and
6		hash joining second tuples in the second stable storage with first tuples in the first
7	hash table.	
1	11.	(Original) The method of claim 10, wherein hash joining the first and second
2	tuples compri	ises:

. 3		generating a third hash table once all first tuples and second tuples are
<i>;</i> 4	redistributed	to each node;
. 5		retrieving one of the first tuples from the stable storage;
6		hash joining the one of the first tuples with tuples in the second hash table; and
7		storing the one of the first tuples in the third hash table.
1	12.	(Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
2		retrieving one of the second tuples from the second stable storage; and
3		hash joining the one of the second tuples with tuples in the third hash table.
1	13.	(Currently Amended) A database system comprising:
2		a processor plurality of nodes; and
3		a storage; and
4		instructions executable by the processor, for enabling the database system to:
5		store first tuples in a first table distributed across the plurality of
6	nodes;	
.7		store second tuples in a second table distributed across the plurality
8	of nodes;	
.9		partition the first and second tuples into plural portions;
10		redistribute the first and second tuples to plural the plurality of nodes
11	according to	the partitioning; and
12		hash join the first and second tuples to produce result tuples as the first
13	and second to	uples are being redistributed to the plural plurality of nodes.
1	14.	(Currently Amended) The <u>database</u> system of claim 13, wherein the result tuples
2	are available	once the hash join is performed
1	15.	(Currently Amended) The <u>database</u> system of claim 13, wherein the result tuples
2	are available	at random.

. 1	16.	(Currently Amended) The database system of claim 13, wherein each node
1/2	comprises a r	memory, and wherein the instructions further partition the first and second tuples
1.3	into plural po	ortions by:
4		partitioning first tuples into first hash tables; and
5		partitioning second tuples into second hash tables, wherein the hash tables
6	are in the me	mory.
1	17.	(Currently Amended) The database system of claim 16, wherein the instructions
. 2	further:	
3		allocate a portion of the memory to the first hash table;
4		allocate a second portion of the memory to the second hash table; and
5		hash join first tuples in the first hash table with second tuples in the second hash
6	table.	
1	18.	(Currently Amended) The database system of claim 17, wherein the instructions
2	further:	
.3		determine that the portion of the memory allocated to the first hash table is full;
4	and	
.5		store first tuples in a stable storage.
1	19.	(Currently Amended) The database system of claim 18, wherein the instructions
2	further:	
3		continue to store second tuples in the second hash table; and
4		hash join second tuples in the second hash table with first tuples in the first hash
5	table	

20.	(Currently Amended) The <u>database</u> system of claim 19, wherein the instructions
further:	
	determine that the second portion of the memory allocated to the second hash
table is full;	
	allocate a second stable storage to the second hash table;
	store second tuples in the second stable storage; and
	hash join second tuples in the second stable storage with first tuples in the first
hash table.	
21.	(Currently Amended) The database system of claim 20, wherein the instructions
further:	
	generate a third hash table once all first tuples and second tuples are redistributed
to each node;	
	retrieve one of the first tuples from the stable storage;
	hash join the one of the first tuples with tuples in the second hash table; and
	store the one of the first tuples in the third hash table.
22.	(Currently Amended) The <u>database</u> system of claim 21, wherein the instructions
further:	
	retrieve one of the second tuples from the second stable storage; and
	hash join the one of the second tuples with tuples in the third hash table.
23.	(Currently Amended) An article comprising a medium storing instructions for
enabling a pro	ocessor-based system to:
	store first tuples in a first table in a database system;
	store second tuples in a second table in the database system;
	partition the first and second tuples into plural portions;
	redistribute the first and second tuples to plural nodes of the database system
according to t	he partitioning; and
	hash join the first and second tuples to produce result tuples as the first and
second tuples	are being redistributed to the plural nodes.
	further: table is full; hash table. 21. further: to each node; 22. further: 23. enabling a product of the content of the

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, 1	24.	(Original) The article of claim 23, further storing instructions for enabling a
· 2	processor-bas	ed system to:
3		retrieving the result tuples once the hash join is performed.
1	25.	(Original) The article of claim 24, further storing instructions for enabling a
2	processor-bas	ed system to:
3		redistribute based on plit vectors containing predefined ranges.
1	26.	(Original) The article of claim 25, further storing instructions for enabling a
2	processor-bas	ed system to:
3		partition first and second tuples into hash tables in each node.
1	27.	(Original) The article of claim 26, further storing instructions for enabling a
2	processor-bas	ed system to:
3		allocate a portion of a memory to a first hash table;
. 4		allocate a second portion of the memory to a second hash table; and
5		hash join first tuples in the first hash table with second tuples in the second hash
6	table.	
1	28.	(Original) The article of claim 27, further storing instructions for enabling a
2	processor-bas	ed system to:
3		determine that the portion of the memory allocated to the first hash table is full;
4	and	
5		store first tuples in a stable storage.
1	29.	(Original) The article of claim 28, further storing instructions for enabling a
2	processor-bas	ed system to:
3		continue to store second tuples in the second hash table; and
4		hash join second tuples in the second hash table with first tuples in the first hash
5	table.	

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30. (Original) The article of claim 29, further storing instructions for enabling a processor-based system to:

determine that the second portion of the memory allocated to the second hash table is full;

allocate a second stable storage to the second hash table;

store second tuples in the second stable storage; and

hash join second tuples in the second stable storage with first tuples in the first

hash table.

- 1 31. (Original) The article of claim 30, further storing instructions for enabling a processor-based system to:
 - generate a third hash table once all first tuples and second tuples are redistributed

4 to each node:

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5 retrieve one bf the first tuples from the stable storage;

hash join the one of the first tuples with tuples in the second hash table; and

store the one of the first tuples in the third hash table.

1 32. (Original) The article of claim 31, further storing instructions for enabling a processor-based system to:

retrieve one of the second tuples from the second stable storage; and

hash join the one of the second tuples with tuples in the third hash table.

- 33. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein storing the first tuples in the first table comprises distributing the first tuples across the plural nodes of the database system, and wherein storing the second tuples in the second table comprises distributing the tuples across the plural nodes.
- 1 34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein redistributing the first and second tuples comprises redistributing the first and second tuples to the plural nodes of the database system.

35. (New) The article of claim 23, wherein storing the first tuples in the first table comprises storing the first tuples in the first table distributed across the plural nodes of the database system, and wherein storing the second tuples in the second table comprises storing the second tuples distributed across the plural nodes of the database system.